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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland African American Museum Corporation - Board of Directors -**
3 **New Members**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the number of members of the Maryland African
5 American Museum Corporation Board of Directors; establishing certain criteria
6 for a quorum at board meetings; providing for certain terms; and generally
7 relating to new members of the Maryland African American Museum
8 Corporation Board of Directors.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments
11 Section 20-102(c) and (d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments**

17 20-102.

18 (c) (1) The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall manage the affairs of
19 the Corporation and shall exercise all of its corporate powers.

- 1 (2) The Board of Directors shall consist of [32] 37 members, as follows:
- 2 (i) The Mayor of Baltimore or the Mayor's designee serving ex
3 officio;
- 4 (ii) One representative of Morgan State University, approved by the
5 Board of Regents of the University and appointed by the Governor;
- 6 (iii) The Chairman of the Commission on African American History
7 and Culture or the Chairman's designee, and two other Commission members
8 approved by the Commission, all appointed by the Governor, in order to provide
9 continuing coordination and cooperation between the Corporation and the
10 Commission and to assure consistency with the statewide programs and mandates of
11 the Commission;
- 12 (iv) Four representatives of African American historical or cultural
13 institutions in the State, appointed by the Governor; and
- 14 (v) [Twenty-three] TWENTY-EIGHT members, appointed by the
15 Governor, who have expertise in African American history, culture, museums, or
16 related areas, have expertise in fund raising, or represent the diversity of
17 communities throughout the State that can benefit from the activities of the
18 Corporation.
- 19 (3) The members appointed to the Board shall represent the geographic
20 makeup of the State, and shall be racially and ethnically diverse.
- 21 (4) The members of the Board shall serve without compensation.
- 22 (5) The term of a member of the Board, excluding the ex officio member,
23 is 4 years.
- 24 (6) Before taking office, each appointee to the Board shall take the oath
25 required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.
- 26 (7) The terms of members are staggered AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS
27 PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ON JULY 1, 1998 AND JULY 1, 2003.
- 28 (8) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is
29 appointed and qualifies.
- 30 (9) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for
31 the remainder of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.
- 32 (d) (1) The Board shall elect one of its members as chairman, one as vice
33 chairman, and one as treasurer.
- 34 (2) [Seventeen members of the Board constitute a quorum, but action
35 may not be taken by less than the vote of nine members] A MAJORITY OF THE
36 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THEN SERVING CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

1 (3) A vacancy in the membership of the Board of Directors does not
2 impair the right of a quorum of the Board of Directors to exercise all rights and
3 perform all the duties of the Corporation.

4 (4) The Board shall appoint an executive committee and may appoint
5 such other committees as the Board deems necessary or desirable.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the
7 individuals initially serving on the Board of Directors in new positions established by
8 this Act shall expire as follows:

9 (1) two members in 2004;

10 (2) two members in 2005; and

11 (3) one member in 2006.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
13 July 1, 2003.